

In re: Anders Tommy Linden
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a rotatably driven reel spool for winding the paper web creped from the Yankee dryer thereon, the reel spool being located downstream of and proximate to the dryer; and

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a belt running in a loop about a plurality of guide rolls, a first of the guide rolls being positioned proximate the dryer and spaced upstream of a growing paper roll wound on the reel spool, a second of the guide rolls being positioned adjacent the paper roll such that a portion of the loop of the belt between the first and second guide rolls extends from a location proximate the dryer to the paper roll, said portion of the loop stabilizing the paper web as the paper web travels from the dryer to the paper roll.

REMARKS

In view of the following remarks, reexamination of the present application is respectfully requested. Claims 18-23 and 39-40 are currently pending. In response to the Office Action, Claims 18 and 22 have been amended. The amendments to Claims 18 and 22 find support throughout the Specification and the Drawings and no new matter has been added. Accordingly, it is believed that the claims now define patentable subject matter over the prior art cited by the Examiner and notice to such effect is requested at the Examiner's earliest convenience.

Claim Rejections – 35 U.S.C. § 112

Claims 18-21 were rejected in the Office Action as being indefinite because of the term "close-coupled" in Claim 18. In response, the phrase "and close-coupled thereto" has been deleted from Claim 18.

Claim Rejections – 35 U.S.C. § 102

Claim 18 was rejected in the Office Action as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 1,842,889 to Williams, while Claims 18 and 22 were rejected as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 5,944,273 to Lin *et al.*, and Claims 22, 23, and 39 were rejected as being anticipated by U.S.